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NOTES AND NEWS

Autumn 1973.

The Autumn Term had many varied activities, ranging from the music of the Vienna Boys' Choir in Coventry Cathedral, to that of Steeleye Span in Birmingham Town Hall. The former was organised by Mrs. Land, the latter by Mr. Johnson, who also organised an expedition to canals in Shropshire.

Members of the school also attended a lecture on Copernicus at Aston University accompanied by Miss Morgan. The Drama Club twice visited the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see "Guys and Dolls" and "Hobson's Choice" under the watchful eye of Mrs. Mulholland.

The event which aroused the most interest was the non-uniform day at the end of term. Pupils were allowed to wear whatever they wanted after paying 10p. This raised £25.35 for charity, and enlivened the school by the colourful and different styles of dress ranging from jeans to evening dresses. Mrs. Bonham, Mrs. Mulholland and Mrs. Land also caused a stir by their participation in actually paying for the privilege of wearing uniform, and having enough courage to sit with the choir during assembly, which was obviously (and loudly) appreciated by the school.

Spring 1974

Members of the school have continued their search for culture in theatre visits ranging from "Hedda Gabler" to "Toad of Toad Hall".

Annual events included a holiday in Austria under the supervision of Mrs. Mulholland and Mr. Micklethwaite, the Alcester Pancake Race in which Jane Sawyer was placed second, also the traditional Old Scholars v. School hockey match, which the school surprisingly won 2-1. The staff v. sixth form hockey match was also revived, which the sixth form won by 2-0; Robert Yapp and David Freeman scored the goals.

Miss Morgan took a very interested party of sixth formers to a lecture on Gambling and Statistics at Lanchester Polytechnic.

Summer 1974.

After Easter the Lower Sixth took over prefect duties so as to allow the Upper Sixth to concentrate fully on their exams. The new head boy is Paul Morris with Ian Duffin as his deputy and the new head girl is Philippa Hallam with Susan Pugh as her deputy. It is hoped that the prefects will continue to be of service to the school and as helpful as their predecessors.

The summer term is always our busiest term and there have been a variety of excursions and events including a History trip to Warwick; a visit to the Royal Show by first years; a trip to Rossendale which is of geological interest; visits to the Coalbrookdale Industrial Museum by fourth and fifth years; field studies at Marle Hall; science lectures at Wolverhampton Polytechnic and also a visit from the Gideons who presented each pupil with a bible.

On a lighter vein the school has entertained parents and friends with a French farce, "The Italian Straw Hat", and the Summer Concert. The lower sixth designed a float for Alcester Carnival, depicting Medieval torture. The parent-pupil tennis tournament resulted in a win for Mrs. Willmore and her son, Andrew.

We are very proud to learn that Julia Robinson has been chosen as a representative for the British Red Cross Society to visit Rumania and that, after a strenuous week of activities and interviews at R.A.F. Biggin Hill, Kevin Leeson has been awarded a Royal Air Force University Officer Cadetship. We send our congratulations to both these sixth formers.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of the Summer Term we were sorry to say goodbye after five and a half years to Mrs. Maund (although her ties with the school are not completely severed). She will always be remembered for the high standards she maintained in the Domestic Science Department and her encouragement of the girls in their multifarious activities. The most appetizing buffets that Mrs. Maund provided for the various social occasions will be greatly missed. A special mention must be made of the costumes for the school play "The Italian Straw Hat", for which Mrs. Maund, with the help of members of the school, was responsible. She leaves with all our good wishes for the future.

We also send our thanks for their service to the pupils during the year to Mrs. D. Clay (Religious Instruction), Mr. J. Skinner (French) and Mr. P. N. Arrandale (Boys' Physical Education), all of whom left in July. The latter has accepted an appointment at Princethorpe Junior School, Weoley Castle, Birmingham.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes on the birth of a son and to Mr. and Mrs. Green on the birth of a daughter.

In September we welcomed the return of Mr. P. J. Holmes after a year's secondment to Birmingham College of Education to study Health Education and School Counselling.

We are also happy to announced the arrival of Mrs. J. R. Morgan to teach Chemistry and Biology, Mrs. L. Davis (from Riland Bedford H.S., Sutton Coldfield) to teach Home Economics, Mrs. Watterson and Mrs. Jones to be Laboratory Assistants.

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The School is much indebted to the Head Boy, Paul Morris, who has undertaken, almost singlehanded, the construction and painting of the Stevenson Screen which has recently been erected at the front of the School.

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SPEECH DAY 1974

Speech Day was held on Friday, 8th March. The proceedings began with the School Ensemble playing "Sextet in F" by G. P. Telemann.

The headmaster then gave his report in which he welcomed Professor A. L. d'Abreu, Emeritus Professor of Surgery at Birmingham University, and also the retiring Deputy County Officer, Mr. Browning. Mr. Turner mentioned the sad deaths of two former senior mistresses of the school, Miss Weatherup and Miss Webley, whose memory is honoured with gratitude and affection. The headmaster expressed his satisfaction at the recent O level results which are the third best in the school's history and took pleasure in announcing a record year for A level results, with an 81% pass rate. Mr. Turner also reported on the numerous social and sporting activities in which the school had taken part.

The prizes were were presented by Professor A. L. d'Abreu as follows:-

First Year: Clare Sawyer, Stephen Dyer. Progress: Georgina Rouse.

Second Year: Sylvia Ashton, Debra Smith. Progress: Christopher Hood, Leslie Harris.

Third Year: Roger Green, John Crowe. Progress: Claire Duffin.

Fourth Year: Judith Evans, Ann Collins, Stephen Cull. Progress: Christopher Woodhouse, Janella Cund.

Fifth Year: Paul Morris, Mary McGuire, Clive Biddle. Progress: Simon Rutherford, Alison Pitt.

Lower Sixth: Rosemary Jacques, Susan Yates, Pamela Boyle. Progress: Michael Fallon, Kevin Leeson.

Upper Sixth: French: Hazel Dodd; Economics: Wendy Salmon; Geography: Peter Dawe; Mathematics: Ian Phipps; Physics: John Hughes; Chemistry: Nigel Turner; Biology: Mark Brazil; Craft: Christopher Donovan; Music: Jeremy Mayle; Progress: Howard Hodgkins.

Service to the School: Graham Ricketts, Susan Robertson, Wendy Fisher.

Mason Cup (Best Ordinary Lever Results): Paul Morris.

Spencer Cup (Best Advanced Level Results): Nigel Turner.

Professor d'Abreu gave a most interesting speech. He told of his student life and gave advice about interviews, believing that one should always try to bring the conversation round to one's own interests. Professor d'Abreu stressed the need for being observant as it was through being observant that Fleming discovered penicillin, which is a necessity in hospitals. The pupils were interested to hear that Professor d'Abreu learnt a great deal about the school from its magazine "Record".

Mr. Stewart proposed a vote of thanks to Professor d'Abreu, which was seconded by the head boy, Kevin Leeson, and Speech Day ended with everyone singing the National Anthem.

RUGBY

The moderate results this season were due mainly to numerous injuries and the necessity to import into the first team young players who, in age and size, were no match for the opponents. N. Allen, R. Payne and D. Reeves played with enthusiasm and should help to form a good team for 1975.

Results	1st XV	U15 XV	U14 XV
Bromsgrove	W 21- 0		
Abbey H.S.	L 6-14		D 22-22
Henley-in-Arden H.S.	W 40- 0		L 12-18
K.E.S. Stratford	L 0-28		L 0-44
Bromsgrove H.S.	W 38-0		
Henley-on-Thames G.S.	L 6-16	L 0-42	
Cheltenham T.H.S.	W 8- 6		L 16-30
Kenilworth G.S.	L 0-10		
Bromsgrove H.S.	W 28-4		
Leys H.S.		W 22- 0	
P.H.H.S. Evesham		W 32- 0	
Shipston H.S.		L 0-13	

First Fifteen Colours were awarded to Ian Duffin and Andrew Clark.

CRICKET

Despite being twice easily beaten by Abbey H.S., the first XI managed to beat Greenmore College in what was the last match between the two sides, as the college has now been shut down.

1st XI

- v. Abbey H.S. (Home): lost by 93 runs (R. Randall 4-47).
- v. Greenmore (Home): match drawn.
- v. Greenmore (Away): won by 3 wks. (R. Yapp 4-29).
- v. Abbey H.S. (Away): lost by 6 wks.

The U-15s played one match against St. Benedicts which they won by 34 runs.

First Eleven Colours were awarded to Andrew Clark, Ian Duffin and Noel Morgan.

HOCKEY

Games Secretary: Jayne Coffee.

Regular team members:

1st XI: S. Aldridge, R. Baseley, P. Boyle, C. Clarke, M. Clarke, J. Coffee, J. Crowe, C. Fisher, J. Hands, A. Holt, R. Jacques, C. Lamb, S. Latham, L. Manley, A. Payne, S. Pugh, A. Sanford, J. Spires.

2nd XI: J. Allum, P. Ashton, C. Clement, J. Cund, J. Cuzner, J. Deakin, M. Drew, C. Duffin, S. Elwood, M. Fallon, H. Flynn, G. Mann, C. Miles, K. Orange, C. Price, E. Seymour, A. Tadd, J. Tedstone, H. Whinn, J. Worthy, E. Wyatt.

U14 XI: C. Baldwin, C. Beech, S. Berridge, N. Court, J. Dally, J. Dodsworth, M. Emerson, L. Farmery, E. Hadwen, J. Harrison, T. Hillman, C. Jackson-Mee, R. Lynam, J. Rogers, A. Scott, D. Smith, E. Thornett, L. Watton, G. White.

Results	1st XI	2nd XI	U14 XI
Chipping Campden	L 0-7	L 2-6	D 2-2
Solihull	W 3-1		
Henley-in-Arden		W 1-3	W 2-7
Shipston	L 1-2		D 3-3
Four Pools	L 0-2	W 4-0	L 0-7
Shipston	L 4-0		L 3-0
Kenilworth		L 3-2	D 3-3
P.H.H.S.	L 6-1	L 3-1	
Redditch	L 0-1	D 1-1	
Stratford	L 7-0	D 1-1	
Old Students	W 2-1		

This has been a disappointing season for all three teams but especially the 1st XI who won only two of their nine matches. Having found it difficult to keep teams for Saturday morning matches, several of our matches were played on Wednesday afternoons. Of the two matches won by the 1st XI their most enjoyable victory was undoubtedly that over the old students. Our thanks to Mrs. Bonham and Mrs. Matthews for their encouragement and hard work.

TENNIS 1974

Regular team members:

1st VI: S. Aldridge, R. Baseley, P. Boyle, M. Clarke, J. Coffee, C. Fisher, R. Jacques, L. Manley, D. Ransley.

2nd VI: J. Allum, K. Badland, R. Bryan, C. Clarke, C. Clements, C. Duffin, S. Pugh.

Results	1st VI	2nd VI
P.H.H.S.	L 5-1	L 5-2
Chipping Campden	W 1-8	W 4-5
Stratford	L 9-0	L 9-0
Kenilworth	W 5-4	

Our fixtures have been curtailed slightly by the weather but all those played were enjoyed. However the teams have been let down by some members not turning up for matches and they played one short against Chipping Campden while against Stratford a first year rounders player was recruited in to the 1st VI.

Winners of Tennis Tournament:-

Girls' Singles: Denise Ransley.

Girls' Doubles: Margaret Clarke and Janella Cund.

Boys' Singles: Simon Plummer.

Boys' Doubles: Andrew Willmore and Simon Plummer.

Mixed Doubles: Carol Fisher and Andrew Willmore.

ATHLETICS

The South Warwickshire Sports were held this year at Bidford High School, with various members of the school winning their events and qualifying for the Warwick County Sports. These were R. Sealey, G. Dunbar, C. Hood, T. Drew, C. Woodhouse and N. Pozzi. As a result of his performance in the Warwick County Sports, N. Pozzi then represented Warwick County at the Quadrangular Sports.

Cross-Country Winners:-

Senior: Tom Seeney.

Junior: Christopher Hood.



Inter-House Tug-of-War.



Did he jump or was he pushed?



Staff v. Sixth Form Hockey Match.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS 1974

Sports Day was held on Wednesday, 22nd May, and the cups and trophies were presented by Miss C. Chapman.

Junior Victrix Ludorum: A. Scott (Spencer).

Senior Victrix Ludorum: C. Clarke (Newport).

Victor Ludorum: P. Morris (Spencer).

Girls' Sports Cup:- Newport.

Boys' Sports Cup: Spencer.

Sports Shield: Newport.

Senior Girls

5th & 6th 100m.	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. J. Deakin (W); 3. C. Clement (W).
5th & 6th 200m.	1. J. Deakin (W); 2. C. Clarke (N); 3. C. Clement (W).
High Jump	1. C. Clement (W); 2. R. Jacques (S); 3. S. Darling (N).
Long Jump	1. J. Spires (N); 2. G. Crowe (W); 3. D. Ransley (W).
Javelin	1. J. Allum (W); 2. A. Holt (S); 3. D. Ransley (W).
Discus	1. R. Jacques (S); 2. J. Spires (N); 3. S. Latham (S).
Rounders Ball	1. C. Clarke (N); 2. L. Manley (N); 3. C. Lamb (S).
Relay	1. Wells; 2. Newport; 3. Spencer.

Intermediate Girls

4th Year 100m.	1. M. Drew (W); 2. F. Hair (N); 3. J. Denton (N).
3rd Year 100m.	1. A. Scott (S); 2. L. Watton (N); 3. F. Clack (N).
3rd & 4th 200m.	1. A. Scott (S); 2. F. Clack (N); 3. J. Rogers (S).
High Jump	1. L. Farmery (N); 2. M. Drew (W); 3. V. Perry (W).
Long Jump	1. E. Wyatt (N); 2. M. Drew (W); 3. T. Hillman (S).
Javelin	1. N. Downes (S); 2. A. Colbourne (W); 3. S. Elwood (N).
Discus	1. A. Scott (S); 2. E. Wyatt (N); 3. A. Colbourne (W).
Rounders Ball	1. P. Ashton (W); 2. D. Smith (W); 3. M. Emerson (S).
Relay	1. Spencer; 2. Newport; 3. Wells.

Junior Girls

2nd Year 100m.	1. S. Clancy (N); 2. K. Hemming (W); 3. M. Willmott.
1st Year 100m.	1. R. Swinbourne (N); 2. A. Hunt (N); 3. J. Stevens (W).
1st & 2nd 200m.	1. S. Clancy (N); 2. K. Hemming (W); 3. N. Pepper (N).
High Jump	1. D. Rugg (W); 2. K. Hemming (W); 3. S. Berridge (S).
Long Jump	1. N. Pepper (N); 2. M. Maundrell (S); 3. L. Hayes (W).
Rounders Ball	1. B. Carey (S); 2. H. Thompson (N); 3. M. Allen (N).
Relay	1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

Senior Boys

6th Year 100m.	1. N. Pozzi (W); 2. A. Clark (W); 3. S. Philpott (N).
5th Year 100m.	1. C. Woodhouse (S); 2. T. Hacker (S); 3. S. Plummer (N).
5th & 6th 200m.	1. N. Pozzi (W); 2. C. Woodhouse (S); 3. T. Hacker (S).
5th & 6th 400m.	1. P. Ellix (W); 2. R. Payne (N); 3. P. Morris (S).
5th & 6th 800m.	1. T. Seeney (W); 2. P. Morris (S); 3. T. Dance (W).
5th & 6th 1500m.	1. T. Seeney (W); 2. N. Allen (N); 3. P. Morris (S).
High Jump	1. J. O'Sullivan (W); 2. A. Clark (W); 3. D. Horton (S).
Long Jump	1. N. Pozzi (W); 2. N. Weatherhead (S); 3. A. Crabtree (S).
Triple Jump	1. P. Morris (S); 2. A. Crabtree (S); 3. A. Baseley (N).
Discus	1. S. Plummer (N); 2. M. White (S); 3. P. Ellix (W).
Javelin	1. P. Richardson (S) 40.43m. (rec.); 2. R. Payne (N); 3. D. Bennett (S).
Shot	1. P. Richardson (S); 2. A. Clark (W); 3. M. Zuliani (S).
Relay	1. Spencer; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.

Intermediate Boys

4th Year	100m.	1. K. Farmery (N); 2. P. Parker (S); 3. B. Williams (S).
3rd Year	100m.	1. R. Sealey (N) 12.7s. (rec.); 2. T. Drew (W); 3. S. Davies (S).
3rd & 4th	200m.	1. K. Farmery (N); 2. P. Parker (S); 3. G. Dunbar (W).
3rd & 4th	400m.	1. G. Dunbar (W); 2. C. Hood (S); 3. A. Cotterill (N).
3rd & 4th	800m.	1. C. Hood (S); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. S. Whitwell (W).
3rd & 4th	1500m.	1. C. Hood (S) 4m. 55s. (rec.); 2. D. Peters (S); 3. A. Cotterill (N).
High Jump		1. G. Atherton (N); 2. J. Yapp (W); 3. K. Farmery (N).
Long Jump		1. D. Peters (S); 2. T. Drew (W); 3. C. Blizard (N).
Discus		1. R. Sealey (N); 2. A. Lamb (S); 3. B. Freeman (W).
Javelin		1. D. Rceves (W); 2. T. Drew (W); 3. R. Randall (N).
Shot		1. D. Reeves (W); 2. R. Green (S); 3. D. Pitts (S).
Triple Jump		1. D. Peters (S); 2. C. Barlow (W); 3. R. Sealey (N), P. Parker (S).
Relay		1. Newport; 2. Wells; 3. Spencer.

Junior Boys

2nd Year	100m.	1. A. Waters (S); 2. S. Dyer (N); 3. K. Evans (S).
1st Year	100m.	1. M. Freeman (S); 2. A. Williams (W); 3. D. Gravestock (N).
1st & 2nd	200m.	1. A. Waters (S); 2. M. Freeman (S); 3. D. Gravestock (N).
1st & 2nd	400m.	1. C. Partridge (N); 2. A. Dunbar (S); 3. I. Langston (S).
1st & 2nd	800m.	1. H. Rowley (N) 2m. 37.2s. (rec.); 2. A. Rowley (N); 3. C. Partridge (N).
High Jump		1. S. Dyer (N); 2. A. Yapp (W); 3. H. Rowley (N).
Long Jump		1. R. Chitton (W); 2. C. Partridge (N); 3. M. Freeman (S).
Discus		1. A. Dunbar (S); 2. J. Greenaway (N); 3. J. Walters (N).
Javelin		1. J. Greenaway (N); 2. J. Walters (N); 3. A. Waters (S).
Relay		1. Newport; 2. Spencer; 3. Wells.

Tug-of-War

1. Spencer; 2. Wells; 3. Newport.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1973-1974

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys' Senior Rugby	W	S	N
Boys' Junior Rugby	W	S	N
Girls Senior Hockey	W	N	S
Girls' Junior Hockey	S	N	W
Boys' Senior Soccer	W	S	N
Boys' Junior Soccer	W	N	S
Cross-Country	W	N	S
Sports Day	N	S	W
Girls' Rounders	W	S	N
Girls' Tennis	W	N	S
Boys' Senior Cricket	S	N	W
Boys' Junior Cricket	W	S	N

Final Position: 1st, Wells, 96 points; 2nd, Spencer, 68 points;
3rd, Newport, 52 points.

THE JUNIOR PARTY

All of the Upper Sixth greatly enjoyed the junior party and the first and second forms appeared to share our enthusiasm, although this may have been due to the abundant refreshments provided.

As usual it began in absolute chaos, and continued in the same way through hilarious games until order was partially restored by serving refreshments. A 'disco' atmosphere was created by the excellent choice of records supplied by Philip Ashton.

Prizes were awarded to those who won games and to winners of the competitions for 'best dancer', 'best-dressed girl' and 'best-dressed boy'. The party ended with a rigorous game of musical laps and an exhausted sixth form.

Our thanks to staff who ornamented the corners, ate refreshments, and occasionally participated in the games, also to Mrs. Maund for help with refreshments, Mrs. Lewis for the glasses and plates, and to all those who washed up afterwards.

THE CAROL SERVICE

This year Mrs. Land organised a less traditional carol service. It began and ended with an innovation — Hand Bells rung by Stephen Philpott, Catherine Evans, Gill Crowe and John Crowe.

Apart from carols, in which the audience joined, and readings by Ruth Maw, Andrew Clark, Sharon Watton and Neal Allen, it included performances from the Sextet, who played an andante and minuet by Handel, the Madrigal Group who sang two old English carols, and the Junior Choir who sang a more modern carol.

The major part of the service was a Bach cantata, in which several fathers augmented the bass and tenor parts of the Senior Choir. Mr. Holmes made a return appearance in order to sing a solo. Mr. Green and Julia Robinson were the other soloists. All three sang extremely well, despite the disadvantage which everyone faced of having to sing in German.

The orchestra, composed of members of the school and visiting musicians, provided an excellent accompaniment for all the singing.

THE THREE-LEGGED FANCY DRESS FOOTBALL MATCH

The Upper Sixth retained their unbeaten record in a fiercely fought game against the Lower Sixth challengers. Again the variety and originality of costumes were both amusing and colourful with the emphasis on entertainment rather than accuracy. The teams were:-

Upper Sixth

Milk Maid and Yokel.
 Dragsters.
 Nell Gwynne and Charles II.
 Cricketers.
 Back-to-front People.
 Teenyboppers.
 Matchstick and Cigarette.
 Jekyll and Hyde.
 Little Miss Muffet and Spider.
 Homepride Flour Bag.
 The Munsters.

Lower Sixth

Waitress and Chef.
 Mr. and Mrs. Baden-Powell.
 Santa Claus and Angel.
 Walter and Denise the Menace.
 St. Trinianites.
 Ballroom Dancers.
 Andy Pandy and Teddy.
 Cowboy and Indian.
 The Clowns.
 The remainder were possibly
 Arabs — we were not sure!

Mr. Micklethwaite provided an excellent commentary à la Eddie Waring, and Mr. Arrandale bravely agreed to referee. He thoughtfully provided a first-aid team who, not content with the 'magic sponge', emptied a bucket of water over the unfortunate cricketers.

Oranges were provided at half-time by Nell Gwynne, and the score at full-time was a 2-2 draw. The game was eventually decided by penalties with the final score 4-3.

The amount raised for Shelter was £11.05 — an increase of £5 on last year's total. The event aroused a certain amount of local interest as it was featured in the 'Redditch Indicator'.

LAKE DISTRICT EXPEDITION NOVEMBER 1973.

We set off on a Friday night, our destination Hawkeshead, where we intended to spend the weekend camping. We eventually reached it despite several attempts by Mr. Micklethwaite (our intrepid guide and translator) to conduct a mystery tour around the district which resulted in our having to set up camp in pitch black surroundings.

During Saturday we explored several nearby peaks. The following morning we reluctantly set off, exhausted by the efforts of the previous day, to visit Helvelyn. The blistering heat and the steep climb soon took their toll on the weaker members of the party, but with encouragement everyone struggled to the top.

The culinary expertise of the party was not exactly Cordon-Bleu standard (see photographic evidence), however we survived the perils which beset us and returned home to the strains of "Ilkley Moor Bahtat".

Nevertheless we all had an extremely enjoyable weekend, for which we would like to thank Mr. Micklethwaite and Mr. Davies.

Philip Richardson (and friends) U6m.

BEFORE



AFTER



SKIING 1974.

On a foggy February morning some pupils of Alcester Grammar School, along with some from Hanley Castle, started off on the annual skiing holiday in Austria. This year we stayed in Auffach, a pretty village in the Tyrol.

The first day was spent on the nursery slopes getting used to our skis. Many people found it quite easy to ski after two or three days' practice. The more advanced skiers went further up the mountain by means of the drag lift or the chair lift.

On the Thursday afternoon we had a break from skiing and visited Kufstein. At Kufstein we looked around a glass factory, walked round the town and bought many of our souvenirs. Another attraction at Kufstein was the beautiful castle standing on top of a cliff which had a sheer drop into the river. (The castle reminded me of Colditz Castle).

On the last night many of the party went to a disco at Niederau and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We flew back to Luton on Sunday, 3rd March, after a very enjoyable week. The members of staff who accompanied us were Mr. Micklethwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Mulholland from Alcester and Mr. Smith from Hanley Castle.

Elizabeth Seymour, 4M.

THE CANAL SOCIETY

The school's canal enthusiasts have been engaged in a number of activities throughout the year. These include excursions to the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, the Oxford canal, canal restoration work at Droitwich and showings of colour slides taken during these activities.

On Sunday, 10th March, the society visited Dudley Canal and were taken through the tunnel in the Dudley Canal Trust's "joey-boat" (a boat with bows at both ends enabling it to be towed either way without turning round). The tunnel, apart from being the longest navigable tunnel in Britain (3172 yds.), is by far the most interesting. The guide on the boat pointed out all the construction features, the adjoining mines, the world's only subterranean stop lock and the huge open caverns. The boat was "legged" through the tunnel, that is it was propelled by "leggers" lying on their backs and literally walking along the walls of the tunnel. Members of the society (including Mr. Micklethwaite and Miss Morgan) took part in this unusual experience.

The society wishes to thank Mr. Johnson for all the time and assistance he has given to its activities

Tom Seeney, U6M.

A TRIP TO TWICKENHAM

The coach arrived promptly at nine-thirty to take us down to Twickenham to watch the varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge Universities. There were about thirty pupils going, mainly sixth formers, but with a scattering of fifth and fourth years as well.

After stops for refreshments and later lunch, we arrived at Twickenham at about one-thirty. The kick-off was at two-fifteen and so we had three-quarters of an hour to find a suitable viewing position.

Everybody went to the open end of the stadium and we were carrying a large banner saying "Alcester Grammar School supports Oxford". The television cameras were there and I was informed later that our particular section of the crowd was seen several times on television.

The first half of the match was rather disappointing, but the second half livened up immensely into a very exciting game of rugby with Cambridge just beating Oxford.

We arrived in Alcester just after eight o'clock and everyone agreed that it had been a very enjoyable day.

Charles Barlow, 4S.

BRIDGE CLUB

This year there was a continued increase in those of the upper school interested in playing bridge and there have been many games at break and dinner-time.

A team was sent to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School to play in the first round of the 'Daily Mail' Schools Cup. Surprisingly enough we did not come last and in fact finished in seventh place (out of twenty teams). A knock-out competition was arranged between members of the school; the winners were Roger Hartland and Alan Kibblewhite.

A very successful evening was held at the school with pairs made up from the school, parents, staff and friends of the school. Unfortunately, the best the school could manage was fourth (Ian Aldridge and Paul Morris), Mr. Micklethwaite and Miss Morgan narrowly taking third place. The winners were Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Lewis, who were presented with boxes of chocolates.

I. Aldridge, U6M.

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE.

The total amount of money raised for Barnardo's in the year 1973-74 was £147·25, practically double the previous year's sum. I wrote last year of the problem that ever-rising costs bring to our work of providing for all those who need, and rely on, the help that Barnardo's gives. The last year has seen inflation reducing the value of money for all of us and undoubtedly it will not be easy to continue to give help to Barnardo's in the months to come.

We recruited 37 new members in April and this fact should help us to maintain, if not increase, our contributions for 1974-75. Mention has been made elsewhere in the magazine of the non-uniform day just before Christmas which raised £25·35 and forms 1M and 1S did extraordinarily well to raise £30·40 in a Christmas Tree collection. In March forms 2M and 2S cooked cakes and biscuits for sale to the school at break and they made £4. My thanks go to everyone who put so much time and energy into these fund raising activities.

Short service awards were made to Christopher Blizzard, Charles Barlow, John Crowe, Stephen Czapko, Roger Green, John Morris, David Peters, Kevin Smith, Claire Duffin and Hazel Flynn, Rosemary Jacques received a Founder's Award for six years' work for the society.

K.G.M.

METALWORK CLUB

Metalwork club this year has been held on Tuesdays during the lunch hour and Thursday evenings, and greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

A large variety of items have been made, from screw drivers to camera equipment, and just as important, repairs have been carried out to such things as lawn mowers, garden sprays and kitchen pans.

We are grateful to Mr. Maund for giving up his spare time and for his expert help and advice.

H. Rowley, 2M.

BADMINTON CLUB

Members of the third forms are grateful to Mrs. Matthews who has taught them to play during the lunch hour on Tuesdays.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association has now been established for three years. In that time it has raised over £2,200 for the school as well as enjoying a very comprehensive and varied programme of social

activities and events. But not only for parents: most of the Association's social events are open to the staff and pupils and often to friends as well.

The 1973-74 Committee has certainly maintained the variety of these events. Take a Supper Dance, Orchestral Concert, Tennis Tournament, Coffee Morning/Bazaar, Barn Dance, Folk Music Evening, Five mile walk and day in the Wye Valley, and two Theatre Trips, flavour with a Bridge Club, a Badminton/Table Tennis Club and a '100' Club and mix together with a Watch and other raffles, top up with the A.G.M. (spiced with entertainment) and the new annual event, the Wine and Cheese Evening for new parents and the result is — just one year's programme.

Undoubtedly the Committee elected at this year's A.G.M. will continue to offer something for everyone.

In return they look for support and help from everyone — so that the Association in its turn can continue its aid and support for the school.

P.L.A.

FIELD STUDY AT MARLE HALL

On July 1st the lower sixth Biology and Geography groups left school for a field study week at Marle Hall. We were accompanied by Mr. Petherbridge and Dr. Preston-Mafham.

The Biologists spent most of their time carrying out profile studies of rocky shores at Llandudno and Anglesey and a salt marsh at Conway, and also in making comparisons between plant and animal species in different ecological areas. They also visited the Great Orme and Cwn Idwal.

During the week, in spite of frequent heavy rain, the Geography group completed a programme which included the study of sand-dune afforestation at Newborough Warren on Anglesey, karstic features on the Great Orme, glaciation in the Nant Ffrancon and Cwm Idwal, exploring a disused lead mine to a depth of one mile under the guidance of Mr. Gregory Nuttgens of the Marle Hall staff, and a visit to the Penrhyn slate quarries.

We had several interesting diversions which added to the enjoyment of the week. Our appreciation and thanks are extended to the members of staff who accompanied us on this unique educational opportunity.

Philippa Hallam L6S and Sandra Latham L6M.

SCHOOL PLAY 1974

This year's production was "The Italian Straw Hat", a French farce by A. Labiche.

Neal Allen, in his first appearance on stage, gave an excellent performance as the bridegroom, Fadinard. A special mention should be included for Stephen Dyer who proved to be very popular with the audience as Felix, valet to Fadinard. Other outstanding performers were Andred Hughes as the jealous husband, Beaujolais, Lesley Stiles as the extrovert Comtesse de Champigny; Caroline Jones who played Clara, Fadinard's doting admirer, and Peter Scott, an ebullient father of the bride.

The ingenious folding scenery, constructed by Tom Seeney and Alec Baseley under the direction of Mr. Maund, facilitated rapid scene changing by the fourth form boys. Lighting and sound effects were basically simple, and were well done by Kevin Leeson, Rosemary Jacques, Brett Freeman and John Crowe.

Our thanks must go to Mrs. Maund and her helpers who made so many excellent costumes, to Miss Simm, whose "Chippendale" furniture and stylish props added the right touch of glamour, and to Mrs. Mulholland who produced and directed what proved to be a most popular and enjoyable production.

K.J.L. and K.L.O.

SUMMER CONCERT 1974

This year's concert was held at the end of a very hectic summer term and was combined with an exhibition of Arts and Crafts on display at the rear of the hall.

The Junior Choir sang two Italian folk numbers and the Senior Choir two Negro Spirituals; these were well received and both choirs obviously benefited from commencing rehearsals early in the year.

The Madrigal group performed two pieces composed and written by sixth formers Julia Robinson and Jane Sawyer (with words by third form girls).

Considerable variety was introduced this year by the inclusion of the ever-popular Folk Group who gave us "Scarborough Fair" and "As Tears Go By", the Brass Band which played three tunes, and a piano, guitar and vocal trio who added two contemporary songs: "It's Too Late" by Carole King and "Your Song" by Elton John.

The School Recorder Group appeared in the concert for the first time and proved to be very popular. Patricia Rodway performed an enjoyable piano solo: Chopin's "Prelude in D flat major".

The much-improved School Orchestra brought the first half to a close with an excellent rendition of the theme from "Love Story".

The Concert culminated in a performance of Choral Dance No. 17 from "Prince Igor" (Borodin) by the Choirs and Orchestra which was enthusiastically applauded to an encore on two successive evenings.

Our thanks must go to Mrs. Ince for introducing the items, the friends of the School who augmented the orchestra and male voice section of the choir, and, of course, to Mrs. Land for all the hard work in producing such a successful and entertaining occasion.

K.J.L.



Mary Emerson, 35.

GONE FISHING

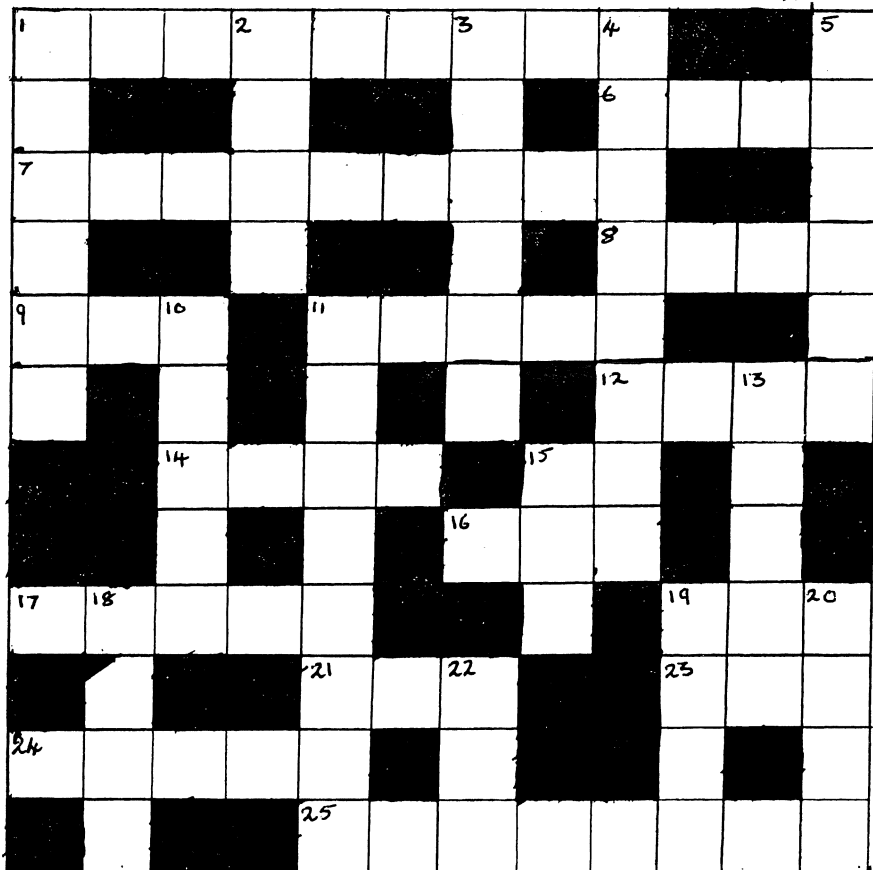
Cyril, Sid, Larry, Tom and Jim went fishing. Each of them caught two different fish, and no two people caught the same two fish. Two of each: perch, roach, salmon, dace and trout were caught. Jim and Larry caught one fish in common, but Tom and Sid did not catch any fish in common; neither for that matter did Tom and Larry. Sid did not catch a trout, but Tom caught a roach and the same fish as the one caught by Jim. Nobody caught a perch and a dace; nor a roach and a trout; nor a perch and a roach.

Who caught which fish?

A member of the sixth form.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Kevin Farmery, 4M.



CLUES

Across

1. The poet, Helen, had to contact Bell. (9)
6. Mislay in the closet. (4)
7. Tease Lila about being uncomfortable. (3, 2, 4.)
8. Wooden foreigner. (4)
9. Take tea, perhaps. (3)
11. Foam. (5)
12. More than a little. (1, 3.)
14. Brilliant person. (4)
15. Well, certainly not out. (2)
16. In need of a diet. (3)
17. Creep so as to make the least possible noise. (5)
19. This boy may be in the blessing. (3)
21. Outflow of the tide. (3)
23. Design, representation or imaginative creation. (3)
24. An argument over upset bowls could come to this. (5)
25. Extra bone you may get from the butcher. (5, 3.)

Down

1. Bert is reformed by the races. (6)
2. Cheese made backwards. (4)
3. Speaker. (6)
4. Help! a net needed to catch this enormous mammal. (8)
5. Chose. (6)
10. State one of the senses. (5)
11. Being brave makes Les safer. (8)
13. Give by way of a sacrifice, perhaps. (5)
15. This boy is mixed up at the start of an incident. (3)
18. A late story, perhaps. (4)
19. Wolf's home. (4)
20. Wound with a knife. (4)
22. Sheepish cry. (3)

THE LETTER

*He sent a letter to his love
From buildings cold and grey.
He sent a letter to his love
Upon his reckoning day.*

*He slowly walked, his gun in hand,
A frightened man, in a hostile land.*

*He sent a letter to his love
The day that he was killed.
He sent a letter to his love
The day a hole he filled.*

*He slowly walked with empty hand,
A lonely man, in a lonely land.*

*They sent a letter to his love
To tell her of his doom.
They sent a letter to his love
Her tears, his only tomb.*

*And now she walks with empty hand,
A lonely girl, in a lonely land.*

Fiona Hair. 4M.

THE OCELOT

I heard a rustle; I looked round, and then I saw him. He appeared bit by bit, first a flash of yellow and then his beautifully shaped muzzle and neatly rounded ears. Out came a forepaw and the whole of his face, twisted into what was almost a comical grin. Another rustle, and then I saw more of his marvellously supple body. He stood poised to spring; his hackles were up and his powerful muscles rippled from his neck and along his body. He changed his mind about springing and crept quickly out of the dark green foliage. I had a perfect view of him as he darted off across the barren land, with the sun reflecting on his smooth glossy coat. His back was mustard slowly changing to gold. Under his chin he was a pale lemon and on his chest he was ultra-white. Two ugly yellow teeth protruded from his bottom jaw. The whole of his body was sprinkled with black markings as though black snow had fallen onto him. There was scarcely a sound as he fleet-footedly bounded over the ground with his body so perfectly streamlined that he was almost straight; his powerful legs seemed to eat up the ground as he vanished from sight across the open countryside.

Janet Leighton, 3M.

WINTER

*Snow has been falling all through the night,
Softly persistent, blindingly white.
Ice lies as thick as slate on the pool.
Bird-baths and tables are muffled in wool.
Flower-beds, rockeries, railing and post,
Slowly enveloped buried and lost.
The wind is as sharp as the edge of a blade.
Where are the paths? Where is the spade?
Familiar landmarks hidden from sight
By a downfall of snow in the silence of night.*

Hazel Flynn, 4S.

THE HATCH

The river gurgled over the large boulders that lay strewn everywhere like huge marbles. The shimmering hoard of short-lived mayflies, the anglers' delight tantalised the rainbow trout into fits of ecstatic leaping. The lordly salmon leapt at the falls on his tortuous way to the spawning grounds high in the purple hills. The end of May heralded the last days of the mayflies hatching into their adult form. The duns experienced their first taste of flying, struggling off the water to settle on the bankside growth. Then came their second change, into the clear-winged spinners, to fly in the evening sun before dying in their millions. Their bodies were swept downstream and the life cycle began again.

Duncan Neville, 2S.

THE CLOWN

*His face is distorted with ungainly features,
Bright gaudy lips, and blue-rimmed eyes.
He has the perfect hideaway, the perfect disguise.
The Clown is a laughing, hysterical fool,
And yet his inner feelings are betrayed
By his eyes of deep-seeing brown.
A gay life has the clown.
Or has he?
He may be just like you or I.
May know sorrow, may even cry.
A dimwit? A carefree smile?
Inside he's just like any other.
His true inner feelings he has had to smother.
His painted smile is just a sham;
Inside he's just another man.*

Sylvia Ashton, 3M.

THE MAD PROFESSOR

*His cloak was flowing, tattered and torn.
His shirt was dirty, old and worn.
With fingers raw and blue with cold,
He clenched his test tubes cracked and old.
His eyes grew larger in an anxious frown,
As he peered to see that none was around.
Then nervously he switched on the burner,
And his various gadgets began to murmur.
He screamed with excitement to see it all working,
But ceased when he saw the experiment jerking.
The test tubes were rattling, popping and sizzling,
And the whole apparatus was shaking and shivering.
Then followed one almighty explosion,
As the old man fell down in his potion.*

Christine Baldwin, 3M.



Jan Read, 3M.

POWER CUT

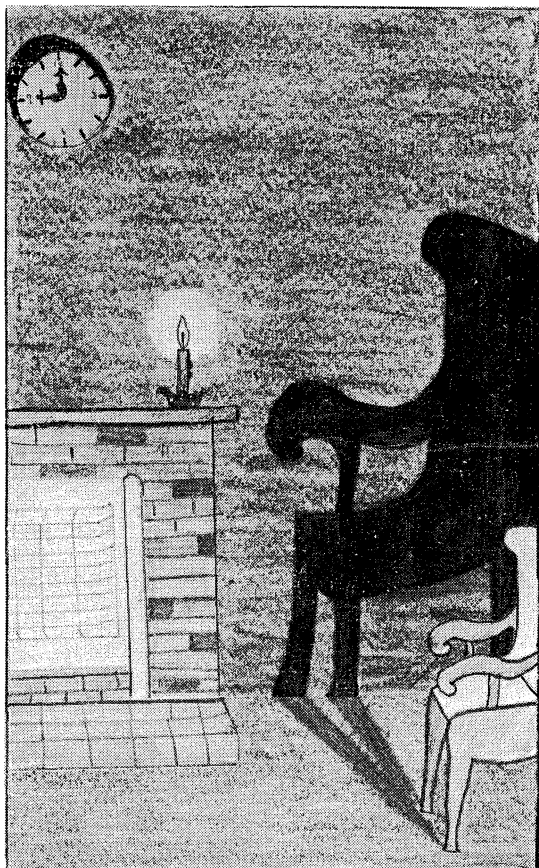
Homework nearly finished, only one more line to go. The lights flicker and dim then suddenly the whole room is plunged into darkness.

The newly lit candles shed little pools of light. Dark black shadows lurk in every corner, looking like many wild animals ready to pounce.

Outside in the gloom the headlights of cars seem dazzling. The small radios sing out strongly to beat the intense silence.

The hands of the clock tick on; one hour, two hours, still the darkness — how much longer?

Christine Taylor, 15.



Christine Taylor, 15.

SUMMER

*Lazy and long are the summer days,
Bathed by the sun in a shimmering haze.
Blue is the sky and green the land,
And white surf borders the golden sand.*

*As swifts and swallows arc the sky,
Painted butterflies flutter by.
The scent of flowers fills the air;
The hum of bees is heard everywhere.*

David Neil Robertson, 2M.



A STRANGE RECIPE

*A feather of a robin's wing,
 A lark's voice to make it sing,
 The pattern of an adder's coat,
 A pint of white milk from a goat,
 Two frogs' legs covered with oil,
 A cloud of rain to make it boil,
 The roots of a fifty years' old tree,
 The front legs of a Winter's bee,
 The nine lives of a happy kitten,
 The finger of a four-thumbed mitten,
 A star that circles round the moon,
 A ray of sun that fell at noon,
 Stir it with a human's leg,
 Add some brine and yolk of egg,
 Next a drop of camel's blood,
 Then
 you'll have*

*a
 MIGHTY FLOOD.*

Dawn Summersby, 1S.

CLOUDS

*Playing, dancing, twirling and whirling,
 Softly they slide into view.
 Lifting, shifting, gently drifting,
 They float on their vast sea of blue.*

*Pure and white and dazzling bright,
 Lightly they twist on the breeze.
 Either racing or slowly pacing,
 They wander o'er meadows and trees.*

*Hazily soaring, lazily drawing,
 Silvery mountains of snow,
 High in the sky as they travel by,
 Trailing their veils as they go.*

S. Watson, 1M.

ATOM — MIGHT

*"It's split. It's split,"
The scientist cried,
As the atom it did burst.
Now how would man use this great power,
For better or for worse?*

*For better; for straightway,
All the miners could be given the sack,
And all the world-wide power reserves
Would never more go slack.*

*For worse; by blast, and fire,
And radiation people die,
And all because of mushroom clouds
That form up in the sky.*

*I wonder how you'd use this power.
One thing is clear to all:
For better will prolong the world;
For worse will kill us all!*

J. Crowe, 4M.



Preparing Base for Mini-Bus Garage — Cheerful Volunteers.

RED CROSS ON THE BLACK SEA

An eighteen-day holiday on the Black Sea coast of Rumania may not sound like charity work, but indeed the International Youth Camp I attended there was organised by the Red Cross. In response to the Rumanian Society's warm invitation, each country sent a delegation of five young people. The British delegation consisted of a leader from Northampton, two boys from Reading and Nottingham, a girl from Colwyn Bay and myself.

In the camp we met people from Bulgaria, Hungary, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, France, Poland, Turkey and Sweden — all meeting to exchange ideas and to uphold the third aim of the Junior Red Cross, namely: International Friendship and Understanding. Activities ranged from first-aid tournaments to international football and tug-of-war competitions; each evening a delegation would entertain by presenting a 'national evening'.

At the end of the camp we were taken on a three-day coach tour of Rumania, when we had a chance to see the beautiful mountains as well as Bucharest, the capital city. This memorable visit made me realise just how large the Red Cross movement is and what a wonderful opportunity it was to make friends throughout Europe.

THE FIVE SENSES

*To see the flowers of spring,
To hear the robin sing,
To feel the hot sun's ray,
To smell the new-mown hay,
To taste the salt at sea,
These five are good to me.*

*To see a mountain scene,
To hear a rippling stream,
To feel sand through my toes,
To smell the fragrance of a rose,
To taste honey from a bee,
These five are good to me.*

Tina Ross, 3M.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across: 1. telephone; 6. lose; 7. ill at ease; 8. pole; 9. eat; 11. froth; 12. a lot; 14. star; 15. in; 16. fat; 17. steal; 19. Les; 21. ebb; 23. art; 24. blows; 25. spare rib.

Down: 1. tribes; 2. edam; 3. orator; 4. elephant; 5. select; 10. taste; 11. fearless; 13. offer; 15. Ian; 18. tale; 19. lair; 20. stab; 22. baa.

WELCOME

1973-74.

Lynn Clarke, Julie Wall (1S); Margaret Maundrell (2M); Tina Ross (3M); Robert Ryan, Peter Smith (3S); Patricia Dexter (4M); Linda Walsh (4S); Peter Ellix (L6M).

Autumn 1974.

1M. Mathew G. Burton, Simon A. Butler, Carl D. Broughton, Philip D. Crow, Timothy F. Down, Paul N. Foster, Peter M. Goodman, Martin K. Green, Timothy Haigh, Graham D. Hemming, Gary L. Raybould, Christopher J. Rugg, Iain G. Sinclair, Ronald A. Smith, Nicholas C. Strain, Graham P. Ward, Ellen Baggett, Jayne A. Copping, Helen M. Dexter, Cheryl A. Fairhurst, Anne Griffiths, Sally A. Holt, Katherine M. Lewis, Karen Miller, Elizabeth H. Mosz, Judith C. Pickles, Julie M. Read, Susan Sanwo, Julie A. Taylor.

1S Christopher A. Ashton, David J. Broderick, Kevin P. Burrows, Russell D. Buxton, Ian C. Fletcher, Nicholas Hemming, Nigel A. Hood, Kevin F. Johnson, Alan Matthews, David J. Palmer, Timothy B. Reed, J. Rhys Thomas, John H. Tongue, Stephen G. Wedgbury, Richard T. Walters, Rosemary J. Church, Susan M. Edwards, Maxine Hancox, Fiona C. Hazeldine, Susan E. Lamb, Helen Maries, Elizabeth H. McCarthy, Jennifer A. Manley, Caroline A. Ritchie, Deborah E. Spiers, Sandra J. Taylor, Polly H. Thompson, Eleanor J. Woodhouse, Karen J. Wells.

2M Alison Lancaster, Jane Whinn (Greville H.S.), Deborah Hayklan (Studley H.S.),

2S Jane Hartland (Bidford H.S.)

3M Michael Blizard (Emscote Lawn, Warwick).

3S Catherine Laurens (Manchester).

4S Andrew Broadis (Wallingford), Jennifer Ingram (Kings, Warwick).

L6M Joanna Broadis (Wallingford).

L6S David Hawkins (Studley H.S.)

L6L Frances Beech, Veronica Bridge, Carol Horton, Catherine Longstaff (St. Benedict's H.S.)

FAREWELL

1973-74

Jane Orr (L6S), Richard Woolley (3M), Kate Brotherwood (1S), Georgina Rouse (2M), Jacqueline Mann (L6M), Julie Crump (3S), Anne Payne (L6S), Barbara Fishlock (5S), Colin Payne (4M), Vicky Porteous (3S), Peter Smith (3S).

Summer 1974

Upper 6M

Ian P. Aldridge, Alec J. Baseley, Michael A. Fallon, Stephen W. Philpott, Phillip C. Richardson, Thomas J. Seeney, Anthony R. Weatherhead, Robert A. Yap, Valerie B. Clarke, Julia L. Curtis, Wendy E. Deakin, Teresa Z. Duraj, Catherine M. Evans, Julie Holsman, Alison E. Holt, Anne C. Longstaff, Catherine C. Plummer, Susan W. Yates.

Upper 6S

Donald G. Bennett, Anthony C. Davies, David G. Freeman, Nigel R. I. Groves, Roger C. Hartland, Kevin J. Leeson, Robert C. Truslove, Paula A. Barlow, Rosemarie Baseley, Pamela Boyle, Deborah Clarke, Jayne E. Coffee, Susan E. Dewis, Rosemary S. Jacques, Lynette B. Manley, Helen F. Moule, Vivienne J. Payne, Julia A. Robinson, Jane E. Sawyer.

5M

Terence C. Dance, Brian R. Eastgate, Tina E. Butler, June D. Cox, Shân E. Darling, Ruth L. Maisey, Gillian Mann, Beverley S. Trickett.

5S

Ian T. Turner, Neil Weatherhead, Michael White, Elizabeth A. Harrison, Julie U. Kitching, Catherine M. Price.

5L

Christopher I. Davies, George A. Edwards, Robert M. A. Gillett, Timothy Hacker, Alastair J. Pitts, Paul R. Stephens, Sally Buchanan, Deborah R. Cobain, Janet E. Hands, Elizabeth Rose.

1M

Graham A. Maclaren.

L6M

Nicholas Pozzi.

EXAMINATION RESULTS 1974.

KEY: E—English Language, EC—Economics, EL—English Literature, F—French, GER—German, S—Spanish, H—History, G—Geography, M—Mathematics, FM—Further Mathematics, P—Physics, C—Chemistry, B—Biology, HB—Human Biology, ED—Engineering Drawing, MET—Metalwork, CK—Cookery, HE—Home Economics, A—Art, MUS—Music, SEH—Social and Economic History. *—denotes distinction.

OXFORD ADVANCED LEVEL

Ian Aldridge—EC, M, P. Alec Baseley—G. Michael Fallon—M, P, C. Philip Richards—H, EC, G. Thomas Seeney—M, P. Anthony Weatherhead—H. Robert Yapp—M. Valerie Clarke—HE, A*. Julia Curtis—M, C, B. Wendy Deakin—EL, F, H. Catherine Evans—B. Julie Holsman—G, B, A. Anne Longstaff—F, H. Catherine Plummer—G, A, EL. Susan Yates—EL, H, EC. Donald Bennett—M, P, C. David Freeman—H*, EC, G. Nigel Groves—M, C, B. Roger Hartland—EC, M, P. Alan Kibblewhite—C. B. Kevin Leeson—M*, P*, C. Paula Barlow—EL, H, EC. Rosemarie Baseley—F. Pamela Boyle—M, C, B*. Jayne Coffee—H. Susan Dewis—C, B. Rosemary Jacques—F, M*, FM, P. Lynette Manley—EL, F, H. Helen Moule—F, B, A. Vivienne Payne—M, P, C. Julia Robinson—EL, H, Mus. Jane Sawyer—F, M, Mus.

OXFORD ORDINARY LEVEL

Fifth Forms:—Adrian Brookes—e, el, f, h, m*, p, ed, a. Andrew Crabtree—e*, el, g, m, c, b, met. Christopher Davies—e, el, f, m. George Edwards—e, g, m, p, ed. Robert Gillett—e, met, ed. Neil Goodwin—e, el, f, h, g, m, p, ed. Timothy Hacker—e*, el, p, ed, a. Andrew Hughes—e*, el, m, p*, c, a, mus. Richard Payne—e, el, m, p, c, met, ed. Alastair Pitts—e, el, h, g, p, ed. Christopher Sharratt—e, el, m, p, met, ed. Paul Stephens—el, p. Kim Badland—e, el, h, g, hb, a. Sally Buchanan—el, ck, a. Deborah Cobain—el, ck. Ann Collins—e*, el*, f*, m*, p*, c, mus*. Julia Cuzner—e, el, f, h, m, p*, c, hb*, mus. Jane Deakin—el. Teresa Flanagan—e*, el, f, h, hb. Christine Lamb—e, el, f, m, p, c, b, ck. Debra Overton—e, el, h, b, a. Elizabeth Rose—e, el, f, g, m, c, b, a. Susan Stephens—e, el, g, a, mus. Andrew Blundell—e, el, h, m*, p*, c, b. Stephen Cull—f, m, p, c, b*. Terence Dance—el, f, m, ed. Brian Eastgate—e, el, g, m, ed. David Horton—e, el, f, h, g, m, p, ed. Andrew Lamb—h, g, a. Simon Plummer—e, el, h, g, m, p, b. Jeremy Roberts—g. Julian Saunders—e, el, f, h*, g*, m, p, b. Martin Seys—e*, el*, f, g, m, p, c, ed. Nicholas Titley—e*, el, g, b. Tina Butler—e. Caroline Clement—e, el, hb. Victoria Coldicutt—e*, el*, f*, ger, h, g, m, b. June Cox—

e, el, f, h, g, m, hb. Shan Darling—e*, el*, f, h, g, hb. Clare Devonald—e, el, m, hb*. Ruth Maisey—e, el, a. Gillian Mann—e, el, f, h, b. Sandra Martyn—e, f, h, m, hb. Ruth Maw—e*, el, f, h, m, p, hb*. Valerie Miles—e, el, f, h, hb. Lorraine O'Sullivan—e*, el, f, m. Jacqueline Shaw—e, el, f*, ger. Beverley Trickett—e*, el, h, hb, ck. Hilary Whinn—e, el, f, ger, g, m, b. Christopher Harz—e, el, g, m, p, c, b. Roger Holland—e, el, f, g, m, p, c, b. Robin Jones—e, el, f, m, p, c, b. Graham Rospin—el, g, m, p, hb. David Rose—e, el, g, m*, p*, c*, b. Michael Seeney—e, el, m, p, c, b. Peter Strain—e, el, f, m, p, c, b. Ian Turner—m, p, ed. Neil Weatherhead—g, ed. Michael White—p. Christopher Woodhouse—e, el, f, g*, m, p*, c, b. Kay Adkins—e, el, f, m, hb*, ck. Julie Allum—e, el, f, ger, m, hb. Joy Blakey—e, el, f, hb, ck. Rosemary Bryan—e, el, f, ger, g, m, hb, ck. Margaret Clarke—el, f, g, m, hb, ck. Janella Cund—e, el, f, h, g*, m, hb*. Judith Evans—e, el, f, g, m, hb*, ck. Elizabeth Harrison—e, el, f, ger, m, hb, ck. Julie Kitching—e, el, f, g, m, hb*, ck. Kathryn Orange—e, el, f, h, m, b, ck. Catherine Price—e, el, f, hb, ck. Janet Tedstone—e, el, f, h, g, m, hb, ck. Joanne Worthy—b, ck. Linda Walsh (4S)—e*.

Sixth Forms:- Robin Dallaway—seh. Brian Richardson—seh. David Thompson—m, met*, ed. Michael Zuliani—seh. Angela Bensen—seh. Julie Crutchley—seh. Jane FitzSimmons—m, hb. Mary McGuire—s*. Carol Fisher—m. Caroline Jones—f. Leslie Stiles—b. Patricia Rodway—f.

In the C.S.E. examination, the following obtained Grade 1 (equivalent to pass at "O" level):- Andrew Lamb—f, m. Simon Plummer—f. Graham Rospin—f. Nicholas Tittley—f. Ruth Maisey—f. Debra Overton—m.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Matthew Smith (64-71), B.A. (honours), class I in Part 2 of Natural Sciences Tripos (Crystalline State) at Cambridge University. Awarded the Tutor's Prize for outstanding academic achievement in examinations. Elected to a Senior Scholarship at Fitzwilliam College to study for a Ph.D. degree in low temperature physics at the Cavendish Laboratory.

Peter Heath (64-71), B.A. (honours), class II. 2 in Part 2 of Natural Sciences Tripos (Chemistry) at Cambridge University. Entered Senior Management training with the National Bus Company at Canterbury.

Celia Reddall (64-71), B.Sc. (honours) degree in Pharmacy at Nottingham University.

Jennifer Yates (64-71), B.A. (honours), class II. 2 in Sociology and Social Anthropology at Hull University.

Martyn Dyer (64-71), B.A. (honours) in Social Studies at East Anglia University.

Robert Harz (64-71), B.Sc. (honours) class II. 2 in Biochemistry at Liverpool University.

Margaret Beech (64-71) is studying for a B.Ed. degree in her fourth year at Newton Park.

Clive Jolliffe (65-72) has achieved "A" level results in Chemistry, Physics and Biology at S.W. College of Further Education; he is now studying Pharmacy at Portsmouth Polytechnic.

- Geraldine Jolliffe (64-72) is in the second year of a degree course in Biological Sciences at Sussex University.
- Clifford Rimell (63-70) has obtained a degree in Civil engineering at Surrey University.
- Clifford H. Bayliss (26-34) has left the Stationery Office, where he has been Controller since 1969, to become Director-General of the Shipbuilders' National Association.
- Alan Loader (63-70) is lecturing at Southampton University and carrying out research into velocity distributions in swirling water pipe flow using a laser anemometer.
- Hilary Madge (64-71), B.Sc. (honours), class II. 1 in Cell and Molecular Biology at King's College, London; now a Technical Consultant for P-E Management Consultants.
- Brett Lancaster (63-70) has obtained an H.N.D. in engineering at Bromsgrove.
- Michael Yapp (63-70) has completed a degree course in Public Health Inspection at Aston University.
- James Walker (63-70) has qualified at Shenstone College and is teaching Mathematics and Physics in Lambeth, London.
- Sarah Douglas (64-69) has appeared on television in "Justice" and has a leading rôle in "The Inheritors", an I.T.V. serial.
- Mr. Oldham is grateful to those old scholars who have sent him news of their own activities and of those of their contemporaries.

MARRIAGES (only those reported to us)

- 1973 Martyn Dyer (64-71) and Linda Williams (64-71).
 Steven Lewis and Pamela Mutton (63-70).
 Alan Loader (63-70) and Janice Chattaway.
- 1974 Terence Jones and Bronwen Rees (65-70).
 John Blount (65-72) and Jennifer Hopkinson (70-72).
 Clifford Rimell (63-70) and Jane Beale (64-70).
 Richard Woollatt and Geraldine Jolliffe (64-72).
 Paul Venison and Celia Reddall (64-71).
 Stephen Brooker and Bryony Clarke (64-71).

DEATH

It is with deep sorrow that we have to report the tragic death on September 23rd, 1974, of Matthew Smith (64-71).

WHAT NEXT ?

Upper Sixth Form Leavers:-

To University: Ian Aldridge (Management Sciences at Warwick), Julia Curtis (Pharmacy at Bradford), Catherine Plummer (Art at Aberystwyth), Susan Yates (English at Lancaster), Donald Bennett (Chemistry at Bath), David Freeman (Geography and Geology at Keele), Nigel Groves (Dentistry at Birmingham), Roger Hartland (Business Studies at Bath), Kevin Leeson (Electrical Engineering at Manchester Institute of Science and Technology), Paula Barlow (English at Cardiff), Pamela Boyle (Zoology at Girton College, Cambridge), Rosemary Jacques (Electronic Engineering at Loughborough University of Technology), Lynette Manley (Social Sciences at Bedford College, London), Vivienne Payne (Computer Sciences at UMIST).

To Colleges of Education: Valerie Clarke (Alsager), Alison Holt (Madeley), Rosemarie Baseley (Bordesley, Birmingham), Jayne Coffee (St. Mary's, Cheltenham), Jane Sawyer (La Sainte Union, Southampton), Philip Richardson after one year.

To other Colleges: Thomas Seeney (Civil Engineering at Portsmouth Polytechnic), Catherine Evans (Medical Laboratory Technician at Birmingham Polytechnic), Julie Holsman (Leamington College of Art), Anne Longstaff (Radiography at Southampton Polytechnic), Deborah Clarke (Domestic Science at Bromsgrove), Michael Fallon (Civil Engineering at Lanchester Polytechnic).

To other training: Alec Baseley (Ordnance Survey at Southampton), Teresa Duraj, Helen Moule and Julia Robinson (Nursing at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Birmingham), Stephen Philpott, Anthony Weatherhead, Robert Yapp and Robert Truslove (Banking), Anthony Davies ('a' levels at Stratford College).

Fifth Form Leavers:-

Christopher Davies and Beverly Trickett (Catering at S.W. College), June Cox and Shan Darling (Secretarial at S.W. College), Sally Buchanan and Gillian Mann (Bournville Art College), Robert Gillett (O.N.D. Engineering at S.W. College), Brian Eastgate (Banking), Elizabeth Rose (Sixth Form at Kings' School, Worcester), Neil Weatherhead (I.D.C.), Ian Turner (Merchant Navy), Michael White (Police Cadet), Elizabeth Harrison (Secretarial at Bromsgrove), Julie Kitching (Banking), Catherine Price (Commercial Course), Paul Stephens (Articifer in Royal Navy), Jane Deakin (Secretarial Course at Worcester Tech.), George Edwards (Post Office Technician), Deborah Cobain (Hotel Reception at Stratford College), Timothy Hacker ("A" levels at Stratford College), Terence Dance (Accountancy at MONKS), Ruth Maisey, Tina Butler (unknown).

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